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OFFICE OF PESTICIDES AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Special Local Needs Registration [Section 24(c)] for Fipronil (Topchoice®) Use

to Control Fire Ants in Arizona (PC Code 129121; DP Barcode D311943)

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This memorandum provides an ecological risk assessment to support the Section 24(c) for use of fipronil (Topchoice®) to control fire ants. Based on the proposed Section 24(c) label, the maximum fipronil application rate cannot exceed 0.01244 lbs ai/A. Higher fipronil application rates of up to 0.02488 lbs ai/A for sod farm use have been removed from the label. The risk assessment for granule fipronil applications at 0.0125 lbs ai/A indicates risk presumptions are exceeded for acute risk to endangered freshwater aquatic invertebrates (RQ=0.453) and estuarine invertebrates (RQ=1.393) (D26067, D273236, D2732241, D273375, D274014). There is no risk concern for impacts to estuarine invertebrates because there are no coastal boundaries or estuarine areas in Arizona. A critical risk issue, however, are acute effects to aquatic invertebrates.

An analysis of endangered aquatic invertebrates, birds, fish, amphibians, and insects was conducted for the State of Arizona (Table 1). This analysis was conducted using **LOCATES** for all use sites in Arizona.

Table 1: List of Endangered Invertebrates, Birds, Fish, Amphibians, and Insects in the State of Arizona.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME
AMBERSNAIL, KANAB	Oxyloma haydeni kanabensis
BOBWHITE, MASKED	Colinus virginianus ridgwayi
CHUB, BONYTAIL	Gila elegans
СНИВ, НИМРВАСК	Gila cypha
CHUB, VIRGIN RIVER	Gila seminuda (=robusta)
CHUB, YAQUI	Gila purpurea
FALCON, NORTHERN	Falco femoralis septentrionalis
APLOMADO	
FLYCATCHER, SOUTHWESTERN	Empidonax traillii extimus
WILLOW	
PELICAN, BROWN	Pelecanus occidentalis
PUPFISH, DESERT	Cyprinodon macularius
PYGMY-OWL, CACTUS	Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum
FERRUGINOUS	
RAIL, YUMA CLAPPER	Rallus longirostris yumanensis
SALAMANDER, SONORA TIGER	Ambystoma tigrinum stebbinsi
SQUAWFISH, COLORADO	Ptychocheilus lucius
SUCKER, RAZORBACK	Xyrauchen texanus
TOPMINNOW, GILA (YAQUI)	Poeciliopsis occidentalis
TROUT, GILA	Oncorhynchus gilae

Of the species listed, the bobwhite quail, falcon, pygmy -owl (bolded) would not be expected to be directly affected from fipronil application. In addition, indirect effects from fipronil effects on aquatic invertebrate prey base would not be expected for these species. With the exception of the Kanab ambersnail, indirect effects are possible from fipronil effects on aquatic invertebrate prey base. The Kanab ambersnail is the only species which may be directly affected from fipronil use. The Kanab ambersnail was discovered in the Grand Canyon National Park (Federal Register 50 CFR Part 12 RIN 1018-AB67, Vol. 57, No. 75, April 17, 1992). It is located in a wetland spring (100 x 30 meter area) fed by springs cascading down the cliffs of the canyon wall within the gorge of the Grand Canyon.

County, Utah; and one in Grand Canyon National Park in Coconino County, Arizona. A status survey conducted in 1990 discovered that one Utah population was nearly extirpated, while the other Utah population was subjected to major habitat alteration and destruction. The Arizona population was discovered in 1991. An emergency rule determining the Kanab ambersnail to be endangered was published on August 8, 1991, and expired on April 3, 1992.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 17, 1992.

ADDRESSES: The complete file for this rule is available for inspection by appointment, during normal business hours, at the Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2060 Administration Building, 1745 West 1700 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84104.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John L. England at the above address, telephone [801] 524-4430 or FTS 588-4430.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Kanab ambersnail is a terrestrial snail in the family Succineidae. It has a mottled grayish-amber to yellowish-amber colored shell. The shell is dextral (right-handed spiral), thin-walled, with an elevated spire and a broad, patulous (expanded) aperture. Fully mature individuals are about 14 to 19 mm (% to % inch) long, 7 to 9 mm (% to % inch) in diameter, with 3% to 3% whoris in a drawn out spire. Its eyes are borne at the ends of long peduncles (stalks), while the tentacles are reduced to small protuberances at the base of the eye stalks (Pilsbry 1948, Clarke 1991).

Specimens of the Kanab ambersnail were first collected in 1909 by James Ferriss from: " 'The Greens', 6 miles above Kanab, on Kanab Wash, on a wet ledge among moss and cypripediums" (Ferriss 1910, Pilsbry 1948). These specimens were originally placed in the species Succinea hawkinsi (Ferriss 1910, Chamberlin and Jones 1929). Henry Pilsbry [1948] transferred these specimens to the genus Oxyloma and erected the subspecies kanabensis in the species haydeni for them. Clarke [1991] notes that Pilsbry's decision to accord the Kanab ambersnail subspecific status was preliminary, and that, as Pilsbry himself noted, its taxonomic status should be reevaluated. Clarke (1991) and Wu (Colorado Museum of Natural History, Boulder, pers. comm., 1992) suggest that the Kanab ambersnail may deserve full species status. For the purpose of this

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

RIN 1018-AB67

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Rule To List the Kanab Ambersnall as Endangered

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) determines the Kanab ambersnail (Oxyloma haydeni ssp. kanabensis) to be an endangered species pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). Critical habitat is not being designated at this time. Three populations of this snail are known to exist: Two on wetlands in private ownership in Kane

a category 2 species (49 FR 21664).
Category 2 comprises species for-which the Service has information indicating the species as endangered or threatened, but for which more substantial data are needed on biological vulnerability and fineats. On January 6, 1989, the Service of animals for listing as endangered or threatened, on single and service of animals for listing as endangered or of animals for listing as endangered or an expectation of animals for listing as endangered or an expectation of animals and service (54 animals for listing as endangered or animals for listing as endangered or an expectation of animals and service (54 animals for listing and service (54 animals for listing and services (54 animals for listing animals for listing animals and services (54 animals for listing animal

finding for this species. constituted the Service's final petition FR 58020), That proposed rule endangered on November 15, 1991 (56 permanent designation of this species as published a proposed rule to extend expired on April 3, 1992. The Service 37668). This emergency protection endangered on August 8, 1991 (56 FR emergency list the Kanab ambersnail as occurrences, prompted the Service to modification or other catastrophic vulnerability to further habitat combined with the species' extreme recent precipitous decline of the snail, category 2 to a category 1 species. The e mori lienersdans dans X sati sievele of fine for 1991 report sufficient to The Service considered the information should be taken to save it (Clarke 1991). extinction and that immediate action table frame in imminent danger of and concluded that the Kanab final report was completed in April 1991 including the Kanab ambersnail. The status survey of candidate Utah snails, In 1990, the Service commissioned a

Summary of Comments and Recommendations

In the November 15, 1991, proposed rule and associated notifications, all interested parties were requested to submit factual reports or information of a final rule. Appropriate State Agencies, County Covernments, Federal Agencies, County Covernments, Federal other interested parties were contacted and requested to comment. Newspaper notices concerning this proposed action notices concerning this proposed action in the Deseret News, and the Salt Lake Tribune, the Deseret News, and the Southern 3 to December 6, 1991.

During the comment period between Movember 15, 1991, and January 14, 1992, two written comments were received. One supported the listing proposal and provided additional information concerning threats to the species. One acknowledged the proposal, but neither supported nor opposed listing.

the presence of this imperiled snail on their property. At that time, the owners indicated a willingness to conserve the Kanab ambersnail.

During early December 1991, a

Furing early December 1991, a flightless flock of ten domestic gray lag geese and a domestic mallard duck were released on Three Lakes, within one of the habitat areas of the Kenab apecies population. Most of these birds species population. Most of these birds were captured by employees of the Service and the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, and released into witable waterfowl habitat not harboring populations of the Kanab amberanail. It is not known, at this time, if any harm is not known, at this time, if any harm

Service, pers. comm., 1991). 1991 (J. England U.S. Fish and Wildlife individuals were observed at this site in (Clarke 1991). No live Kanab ambersnail 1990 revealed only three live snails An intensive search of this habitat in Detween the marsh and Kanab Creek. domestic livestock that graze in a field tandowner to provide water for ditch and drainpipe installed by the The marsh was partially dewatered by a long and 15 cm (6 inches) wide in 1990. (1591 021) m 64 tuods gnimesam detam to have been reduced to a long narrow once larger, this habitat was discovered was once common at this site. Though Creek Canyon. The Kanab ambersnail by a seep, at the foot of a cliff in Kanab population occurs in a marsh, watered The smaller, nearly extirpated, Utah population was inflicted on the Kanab amberanail

Bogan 1992a, 1992b). Bequaert and Miller 1973, Spamer and Arizona except in the fossil fauna Oxyloma was unknown to the State of 1992a, 1992b), and in fact, the Genus Henderson 1914, and Spamer and Bogan Ferris 1911, Daniels 1911, Cockerell 1927, the Kanab ambersnail (Pilsbry and had failed to identify any populations of gastropod surveys of the Grand Canyon Colorado River. Previous to 1991, 33 yards) wide found parallel to the of II) m 08 of 01 bas gool (sbasy 60f) m population resides is approximately 100 Crand Canyon. The wetland where this the canyon wall within the gorge of the by springs cascading down the cliffs of population occurs in wetland habitat fed (Spamer and Bogan 1992a, 1992b). This fauna in Grand Canyon National Park sponsored inventory of the invertebrate consequence of a National Park Service discovered by Earle Spamer as a The Arizona population was

Federal action on this apecies began on May 22, 1964, when the Service published a notice of review of invertebrate wildlife for listing as endangered or threatened apecies, which included the Kanab ambersnail as

listing action, the Service will recognize this taxon at the subspecies level. If the species level, If the species level, this will not affect its designation as endangered,

The Kanab ambersnail lives in

marshes watered by springs and seeps at the base of sandstone or limestone ciffs. It is absolutely associated with a perennially wet soil surface or shallow standing water. The snalls also are frequently seen just within the mouths of vole burrows. Mone are found in drier areas, such as under logs or in other microhabitats commonly frequented by other land snails (Clarke 1991, and E. Spamer, Philadelphia Academy of Natural Science, pers. comm., 1992). The presence of cattail (Typho.

predator (Clarke 1991). may be the snall's principal natural to feed on the Kanab ambersnail and (Inidus migratorius) has been observed comm, 1991). The American robin (B. Lunceford, private individual, pers. provide suitable habitat for the species and sedges, if not overgrazed, also will anaila (Clarke 1991). Wetland grasses Vegetative cover is a necessity for the the edges of thick cattail stands. aggregated under fallen cattail stalks at Kanab ambersnail is most densely component of the species habitat. The indicates, is believed to be a critical permanently wet ground which cattail domingensis), or at least the

three populations. The two Utah populations are about 2 km [1.3 miles) populations are about 2 km [1.5 miles) apart on privately owned lands in the Kanab Creek drainage. Other likely sites in this area were searched on foot by biologist from Kanab, Utah, and during the Service's aponsored status survey effort (Clarke 1991), but no other Kanab enforts (Clarke 1991), but no other Kanab amberanail colonies were discovered in Grand Canyon National discovered in Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona, approximately 91 km [57 miles) from the Utah populations, miles) from the Utah populations, The larger Utah Kanab amberanail

The Kanab ambersnail is known from

alerted by a Service representative to February 1991, the landowners were U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 1991). In earth-moving equipment (Clarke 1991, portion of this habitat was destroyed by 1990. Soon thereafter, a significant anul ni alaubivibni 000,001 as ynam population was estimated to have as to 90 m (100 yards) wide. This qu bas gnol (selim 8.0) and 6.1 tuods sers surround the "Three Lakes" ponds, an marshes and wet meadows which amberanail occurs throughout the of the town of Kanab, Utah. The Kanab Creek, about 10 km (6 miles) northwest Canyon, a tributary drainage of Kanab population is located in Three Lakes

exceptions that apply to all endangered wildlife. These prohibitions, in part, make it illegal for any person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States to take (includes harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, or collect; or to attempt any of these), import or export, ship in interstate commerce in the course of a commercial activity, or sell or offer for sale in interstate or foreign commerce any listed species. It also is illegal to possess, sell, deliver. carry, transport, or ship any such wildlife that is taken illegally. Certain exceptions apply to agents of the Service and State conservation agencies.

Permits may be issued to carry out otherwise prohibited activities involving endangered wildlife species under certain circumstances. Regulations governing permits are at 50 CFR 17.22 and 17.23. Such permits are available for scientific purposes, to enhance the propagation or survival of the species, and/or for incidental take in connection with otherwise lawful activities. Requests for copies of the regulations on animals and inquiries regarding them may be addressed to the Office of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, room 432, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203 (telephone 703/358-2093; FTS 921-2093).

National Environmental Policy Act

The Service determines that an Environmental Assessment, as defined under the authority of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, need not be prepared in connection with regulations adopted pursuant to Section 4(a) of the Act of 1973, as amended. A

notice outlining the Service's reasons for this determination was published in the Federal Register on October 25, 1983 (48 FR 49244).

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List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 17

Endangered and threatened species, Exports, Imports, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, and Transportation.

Regulation Promulgation

PART 17-[AMENDED]

Accordingly, part 17, subchapter B of chapter I, title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations, is amended as set forth below:

 The authority citation for part 17 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1361-1407; 16 U.S.C. 1531-1544; 16 U.S.C. 4201-4245; Pub. L. 99-625, 100 Stat. 3500, unless otherwise noted.

2. Amend § 17.11(h) by adding the following, in alphabetical order under "SNAILS," to the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife:

§ 17.11 Endangered and threatened wildlife.

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Common name		Scientific name	Rar	Ra	ange		population where endangered or threstened	Status	When listed	Critical habitat	Special rules
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SNAILS									,		
Ambersnail, Kanab		Doyloma haydeni	USA (AZ, UT)	•	NA	Ε.	431,459	NA	NA.	

Dated: March 23, 1992.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 663

[Docket No. 920400-2100]

Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), NOAA, Commerce.